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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE (S/NM)

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SUBJ: CND'S UPCOMING FEBRUARY SESSION: AGENDA ITEM 8 ON WORLD
REQUIREMENTS OF OPIATES FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES AND THEIR SUPPLY

REF: VANCE/ERNST/GOUGH TELECONS

1. AS WE ALL KNOW, UN MEETINGS ABHOR A VACUUM. UNLESS THERE
IS A FRAMEWORK AGREED IN ADVANCE BY KEY DELEGATIONS IN WHICH
THE CND'S DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE, THE RISK IS GREATER THAT
PROPOSALS ADVERSE TO OUR INTERESTS WILL BE INITIATED AND
GARNER SUPPORT. THEREFORE WE SUGGEST IN REGARD TO AGENDA
ITEM 8 THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION PROCEED TACTICALLY
ON THE BASIS OF A DRAFT CONSENSUS AND SEEK TO PROMOTE ITS
ACCEPTANCE AS THE FOCUS FOR OUTCOME OF THE DEBATE. AS
YOU KNOW, THIS APPROACH HAS BEEN USEFUL IN PREVIOUS CND
SESSIONS ON THIS SAME QUESTION. WE HAVE TRIED OUR HAND AT
A POSSIBLE CONSENSUS FOR THE UPCOMING SESSION OF THE CND.
IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE DOCUMENTS
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BEFORE THE COMMISSION WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR
THE DISCUSSION. THESE ARE: THE INCB REPORT; THE CANADIAN
WORKING PAPER; AND THE REPORT OF THE UN NARCOTICS LABORA-
TORY.

2. OUR SUGGESTED TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE COMMISSION TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (DOCUMENT E/INCB/33, PARAGRAPHS 31-40) AND OF THE WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED BY CANADA. IT OBSERVES THAT CURRENT TRENDS POINT TO AN EXCESS WORLDWIDE IN THE PRODUCTION OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC REQUIREMENTS, WITH A RISK OF CONSEQUENTIAL POTENTIAL ADVERSE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS (FOR ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS AS WELL AS AVAILABILITY OF SUCH MATERIALS FOR ILLICIT PURPOSE).

B. THE COMMISSION, BEARING IN MIND THE RESPONSIBILITIES ACCORDED TO THE BOARD BY THE SINGLE CONVENTION, INVITES THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CAREFULLY TO ENDEAVOR TO BRING ABOUT A BALANCE BETWEEN THE WORLD REQUIREMENTS FOR OPIATES FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES AND THE SUPPLY OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS. THE COMMISSION EXPRESSES ITS HOPE THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE BOARD TO THIS END AND WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE BOARD TO MAKE REALISTIC WORLDWIDE PROJECTIONS. THE COMMISSION ALSO EXPRESSES ITS HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER POSSIBLE NEW PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE A MORE MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PRODUCERS OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE MANUFACTURERS OF OPIATES ON THE OTHER.

C. THE COMMISSION TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS NARCOTICS LABORATORY ON THE PROGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AIMED AT FACILITATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PRODUCTION OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS NEEDED FOR MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES UNDER CONDITIONS DESIGNED TO ENSURE MAXIMUM CONTROL AGAINST DIVERSION OF SUCH MATERIALS TO ILLICIT CHANNELS. THE LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE ITS WORK. THE COMMISSION NOTES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER THE LABORATORY'S AUSPICES INVOLVES A POPPY SPECIE, NAMELY, PAPAVER BRACTEATUM, WHICH DOES NOT ITSELF FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION, ALTHOUGH ITS DERIVATIVES THEMSELVES ARE UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. THE COMMISSION WISHES TO DRAW THIS LACUNA IN THE SINGLE CONVENTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ASAP. CATTO

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